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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shinichi Sugihara

Group Art Unit: 1754

Application No.: 09/763,394

Examiner: E. M. Johnson

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For: VISIBLE RADIATION TYPE PHOTOCATALYST AND
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

Date: November 24, 2003

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08b). The item listed may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and is made of record to assist the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the item and to independently ascertain its teaching.

The cited reference was submitted to the Japanese Patent Office and admitted by the Japanese Examiner as related art during opposition procedure in a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of cited reference as well as a partial English translation is submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08b be returned indicating that such information has

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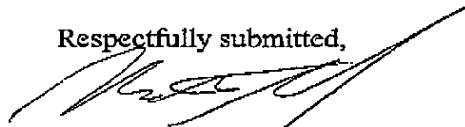
been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner make this citation of record in the subject application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being cited in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4), before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no additional fee is due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement.

If, however, the Commissioner deems any other such fee to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge that fee, as well as any other fees that may hereafter be due, to Deposit Account 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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